

IN RE: Appl. No. 10/762,266
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Title of the Invention: CANNING JAR STRAINER

CLAIMS LISTING -Third MARKED-UP VERSION

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A canning jar strainer comprising a planar disk-shaped sheet material having:

- i. a plurality of incisions located circumferentially around the disk,
- ii. one or more crescent cutouts,
- iii. integral interlocking pull tabs,

Claim 2 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the firmness in material is greater than the upward pressure exerted by buoyant foods afloat in the can fluid semi-resilient.

Claim 3 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of either claims 1 ~~and or~~ 2 wherein the crescent cutouts are shaped to generally fit the profile of a conventional utensil spoon.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

The ~~crescent cutout of the~~ canning jar strainer of claim 3 wherein said crescent cutouts ~~said cutout~~ serves both for straining and for lifting said disk out from a canning jar.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of either claims 1 to through 4-5 wherein the utility thereof is to prevent buoyant foods from exposure to trapped air within a canning jar.

Claim 6 (new)

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the pull tabs are partially cut out of the canning jar strainer with the exception of a narrow edge forming a hinge at which the pull tabs pivotally and integrally engage to the disk, and wherein the two tabs are formed to include a slot at the intersection of the central and outer portions thereof allowing said tabs to be interlocked to form an X arrangement.